

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

IN RE: Samuel VAZQUEZ-Morales

5:19-mj-404-1

I, Micah Sublett, declare and state as follows:

1. On April 1, 2019, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents (SAs) received a request for investigative assistance from the United States Border Patrol (USBP). HSI SAs responded to the Laredo South Border Patrol station in Laredo, Texas and conducted post arrest interviews. HSI SAs subsequently arrested Samuel VAZQUEZ-Morales for violations of 8 USC 1324 (a)(1)(A)(ii) and (v)(I) and initiated an investigation.
2. HSI SAs responded to the Laredo South Border Patrol station and discovered the following:
3. On April 1, 2019, Border Patrol Agent (BPAs) were working their assigned duties in Webb County near Laredo, Texas. BPAs apprehended a group of seven (7) undocumented aliens (UDAs) in the brush. All seven UDAs were transported to the Laredo South Border Patrol station for interviews and processing.
4. HSI SAs were notified and arrived on scene and conducted interviews. HSI SAs advised Samuel VAZQUEZ-Morales of his Miranda rights in the Spanish language, which he verbally stated he understood and was willing to talk to HSI SAs without an attorney present.
 - VAZQUEZ-Morales stated he was a citizen of Mexico, illegally present in the United States. VAZQUEZ-Morales also stated that he had been hired to guide the group of UDAs across the river and into the United States. VAZQUEZ-Morales further stated that he was to be paid \$400 United States Dollars (USD) to guide the group of UDAs into the United States. VAZQUEZ-Morales claims that after he led the group into the United States illegally, they were to be picked up by a black colored Ford F-150 pickup truck. VAZQUEZ-Morales claimed that he knew he was smuggling six (6) individuals - five (5) Chinese nationals and one (1) Brazilian national.
5. The following two (2) individuals are being held as material witnesses and admitted to illegally entering in the United States by crossing the Rio Grande river to then be smuggled to unknown locations within the United States for varying amounts of money.
 - Chinese nationals, Liwie GAO and Li-Hui HUANG, are being held as material witnesses in the case against VAZQUEZ-Morales. Both material witnesses made arrangements with unknown smugglers to be smuggled to unknown cities in the United States. All material witnesses stated they were going to be charged a smuggling varying from an unknown amount of money to \$30,000 USD.
 - Liwie GOA claimed that he is a citizen of the People's Republic of China, and that he flew out of Shanghai, China to Mexico. GAO claimed that his destination was an unknown location within the United States. GAO also identified VAZQUEZ-Morales via a six (6) person photographic array, as the person guiding him through the brush after crossing the river.
 - Li-Hui HUANG claimed that that he is a citizen of the People's Republic of China, and that he flew out of Shanghai, China to Mexico. HUANG claimed that he was to pay \$30,000 USD to be smuggled into the United States, which he would pay back after his arrival to the United States. HUANG did not identify VAZQUEZ-Morales via a six (6) person photographic array but described the person who was guiding him through the brush as being young and wearing green or black clothing. The suspected guide, VAZQUEZ-Morales, is 18 years old and was apprehended wearing a black shirt and blue jeans.

I declare (certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 2, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Micah Sublett".

Micah Sublett, Special Agent
Homeland Security Investigations

Having reviewed the foregoing declaration, I find probable cause that the defendant(s) named above committed an offense against the laws of the United States and may therefore be further detained pending presentment before a judicial officer.

Executed on the ____ day of _____, 2019.

DIANA SONG QUIROGA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE